Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N Kunjan Pillai : Government first received recommendations from the Chief Engineer and the Port Officer was consulted. All this took place during the early part of this year. The expenditure for 8 months this year will come to Rs. 2,240. Besides this, provision has also to be made for the maintenance and working of the dredger. The total amount required under maintenance is Rs. 8,162 and under working charges Rs. 1,620. The total of all these items together amounts to Rs. 11,998. It is for these purposes that I have moved for this grant and I hope the House will agree to it.

President : The demand is for a grant of Rs. 11,998 for the maintenance and working of the Grab Dredger for the Alleppey Port for the year 1112 M. E.

The question before the House is that it assents to the demand

The demand was put and carried.

The grant was made.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : The next demand that I wish to move is for a sum of Rs.5,164 under General Administration excluding Financial Secretariat Account Office and Legislative Bodies.

This grant is for the Public Service Commissioner. It consists of various items. A sum of Rs.2,000 is required under examination charges. There is a provision of Rs. 2000 in the budget of the current year for that purpose. But this amount has already been exceeded. The examination held this year consumed not only the whole grant but also a little more.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know the total amount that Government have received by way of fees from the applicants ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : The exact figures up to date are not available. But up to the end of 1111 a sum of about Rs. 18,500 was collected. Rs. 2,000 provided in the budget has already been spent in connection with the examinations conducted. It may be necessary to conduct some more examinations during the current year. The examination for the English knowing clerks may not be held again. But it may be necessary to conduct an examination for the Malayalam knowing clerks and also for typists and clerk-typists

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether all the candidates have been provided with posts ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : About 1,800 candidates appeared for the examination, about 500 have been selected and of these about 200 have been provided with appointments so far. These are all English knowing clerks. But

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the examination to be conducted hereafter is for the appointment of Malayalam knowing clerks, typists and clerk-typists. There is also the possibility of a Civil Service Examination being held. The rules for the same have been passed and the question of instituting a Civil Service Code is under the consideration of Government. When final orders are passed it may be necessary ——

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether this amount includes expenses for that also?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N Kunjan Pillai: Yes, it is for all the examinations.

An additional allotment of Rs 5,000 is required under purchase and repair of furniture. The House will presently see the necessity for additional staff and some additional furniture will be required if they are appointed. A sum of Rs. 800 is proposed to be sanctioned for this purpose. The furniture will be supplied by the Workshops, and so, that amount will be credited to the P. W Department.

When the staff expanded and the work increased it was found necessary to shift the office of the Public Service Commissioner to a more spacious building which consists of two parts. At present there is only a sweeper on Rs. 6 per mensem. A watcher on Rs. 9 and an additional sweeper on Rs. 4 are also required. A sum of Rs. 150 is provided for this purpose. An additional amount of Rs. 700 is included under Anchal charges. This need not be grudged because the amount will go to the Anchal Department. Under "Miscellaneous and Office" expenses a sum of Rs. 500 is provided and finally a sum of Rs. 1,314 is included for the entertainment of some additional staff. The necessity for additional staff arises out of this circumstance. The Commissioner asked for a large additional staff at the end of last year. He wanted it to be provided for in the current year's budget. Government did not sanction the whole staff asked for but only a portion of it. For the examination held this year a large number of applications were received and the office staff had to work in connection with this examination neglecting their normal work. The normal work consists of sorting the applications and registering them. I understand that about 18,000 applications were received for appointments in various grades, including the lower division for which no examination is held. The applications received have to be sorted and arranged showing the communities, acting service, etc., of the applicants. This normal work of the staff fell into arrears and the Commissioner reported that in order to bring the work up-to date it was necessary to appoint a few additional hands, for a period of three months Government agreed with him and provision has therefore been made for the additional

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staff in the supplementary grant. The additional hands to be engaged are 12 clerks (one on Rs. 75, 2 on Rs. 40, 9 on Rs 25) one typist, one attender and two peons. For three months the amount required for this additional staff is Rs. 1,314. The total of all these items together comes to Rs. 5,164.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know whether the Public Seavice Commissioner would strictly adhere to the principle of communal representation in the appointment of additional staff?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The appointments the Public Service Commissioner made since the rules were issued were made strictly on the basis of those rules and this practice will be followed hereafter also.

Mr. Komilezahthu Sankaran: May I know the number of Ezhava clerks working in the office of the Public Service Commissioner?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I can't say, Sir. It is nowhere said in the Public Service Recruitment Rules that in the intermediate division of service commual representation pure and simple will be adhered to. What is laid down is that in regard to 40 per cent. of the appointments in this division efficiency combined with preferment on account of backwardness will be the guiding principle.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I point out that only one Ezhava clerk has been appointed in the office of the Public Service Commissioner?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Probably that is all the Commissioner can do under the rules.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know whether it was due to a dearth of qualified hands among the Ezhava community?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No. But rules have to be observed and under the rules more than one Ezhava did not get a chance.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know whether the Government will give necessary direction to appoint at least one or two more Ezhavas?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: There are the rules and they will have to be followed. They have been followed and will, I can assure the honourable member, be followed.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, I oppose this demand inasmuch as it includes an item for the appointment of additional staff. A sum of nearly Rs. 1,314 has been asked for under this demand for providing additional saff in the office of the

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Public Service Commissioner. Already there is a complaint that the office of the Public Service Commissioner is overmanned. In the current year's budget this House has sanctioned a large staff for the office of the Public Service Commissioner. The budget shows that over and above the high paid Commissioner who draws a salary of Rs. 1,000-50-1200, besides deputation and house rent allowances, the office is manned with a Secretary on Rs. 250 with a deputation allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem and a Manager on Rs. 100-5/2-125, one clerk on Rs. 75-5/2-100, two clerks on Rs. 40-2-70, a Stenographer on Rs. 40-2-70, a Typist on Rs. 25-3/2-40, a Daffadar, a Mochee and a number of peons. In addition to these, there is also an additional temporary staff consisting of a clerk on Rs. 40-2-70, five clerks on Rs. 25-3/2-40, a Typist, an Attender and a couple of peons. Even this is more than sufficient for a big office which has to turn out double the work that the office of the Public Service Commissioner has ordinarily to turn out. Sir, I am not at all convinced as to the immediate necessity for the creation of this new staff. I am sure that the staff already sanctioned will be able to cope with what additional work the office has to do. I cannot understand the necessity for keeping a high paid Secretary and a Manager. It is not difficult for Government to effect some retrenchment at the top and thus make some saving so that two or three clerks may be appointed in the lower grade. Sir, the official member has assured us that the additional staff will only be temporary. If that is so, I fail to understand how a clerk on Rs. 75-5/2-100 can be appointed. I fear, that when once these appointments are made, they are likely to continue. I would therefore oppose this demand.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഡിമാൻഡിനെ എതിർക്കുന്നു. ആദ്യമായി ഇവിടെ സപ്ലിമെൻററി ഗ്രാൻറു കൊണ്ടുവരുന്നതിനെപ്പററി രണ്ടു വാക്കു പറയേണ്ടതായിട്ടുണ്ട്. ബഡ്ജററു പാസാക്കിക്കഴിഞ്ഞു മൂന്നുമാസമേ ആയുള്ളു. അതിനിടയ്ക്ക് ഇങ്ങനെ ഒരു സപ്ലിമെൻററി ഗ്രാൻറ് കൊണ്ടുവരുന്നതിൻെറ ആവശ്യം മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല. ബഡ്ജററു തയ്യാറാക്കുന്ന സമയത്തു ചുമതലപ്പെട്ടയാളുകാം ഇതിൽ ബദ്ധശ്രദ്ധരായിരുന്നുവെങ്കിൽ ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള തുകകൾ അതിൽതന്നെ ചേർക്കാമായിരുന്നു. ഇങ്ങനെ സപ്ലിമെൻററിഗ്രാൻറ് കൊണ്ടുവന്നു ഈ സഭയുടെ വിലയേറിയ സമയത്തെ നഷ്ടപ്പെടുത്താൻ ഇടവരികയുമില്ലായിരുന്നു. മേലാലെങ്കിലും ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കുമെന്നു വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു.

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സർ, ഈ ഡിമാൻഡ് ഏതുതരത്തിലുള്ളതാണെന്ന നമുക്ക ഒന്ന നോക്കാം. ഇപ്പോൾ വേണമെന്നാവശ്യപ്പെടുന്ന നിയമനങ്ങളെല്ലാം നടത്തിക്കഴിഞ്ഞുവെന്നാണ ഞാൻ അറിയുന്നത്. അല്ലെന്ന പറയുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ഞാൻ സമ്മതിക്കാം. ഇങ്ങനെ നിയമനം കഴിഞ്ഞശേഷം ഈ ഡിമാൻഡ് ഇവിടെ കൊണ്ടുവരേണ്ട ആവശ്യമെന്താണ്? ഈ കാരണംകൊണ്ടാണ ഞാൻ ഇതിനെ എതിർക്കുന്നത്. പബ്ളിക്ക് സർവീസ് നിയമനത്തെ മുഴുത്തോളം പുരസ്കരിച്ചാണെ ക്ലാർക്കന്മാരുടെ നിയമനം പോലും നടത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളതെന്നുള്ളത് അജ്ഞാതമായിരിക്കുന്ന. പബ്ളിക് സർവീസ കമ്മീഷണർ നടത്തിയ പരീക്ഷയുടെ ചോദ്യക്കടലാസ് കണ്ടാൽ അതിൽ ഒരു തത്വവും ഇല്ലെന്നുകാണാം. എനിക്കൊന്നും അറിയാൻ പാടില്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടായിരിക്കാം അങ്ങിനെ തോന്നിയത്. അറിവുള്ളയാളുകൾ ഇവിടെ ധാരാളമുണ്ടല്ലൊ. ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട അദ്ധ്യക്ഷനിരിക്കുന്ന.

President: The Chair does not propose to examine the question paper.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: എങ്കിലും അതിന്റെ മാതൃകയെങ്കിലും ഒന്ന നോക്കിയാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : കഴിഞ്ഞ തവണ നടന്ന പരീക്ഷ ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് അറിയാവുന്നവരെ തെരഞ്ഞെടുക്കാനായിരുന്നുവെന്നും ഇപ്പോഴത്തെപരീക്ഷ മലയാളം അറിയാവുന്നവരെ തെരഞ്ഞെടുക്കാനാണെന്നും മെമ്പർക്കറിയമോ?

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: മലയാളം അറിയാവുന്നവരാരും ഇവിടെയില്ലേ?

യാതൊരു നയവും രീതിയുമില്ലാത്ത പല നിയമനങ്ങളും പബ്ളിക്സർവീസ്കമ്മീഷണരുടെ ആവിർഭാവത്തോടുകൂടി ഇവിടെ നടന്നുകഴിഞ്ഞു. എന്തിനാണ പബ്ളിക്സർവീസ്കമ്മീഷണരെ ഇവിടെ അവരോധിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത്? നീതിയും ന്യായവും നോക്കി നിയമനം നടത്താനല്ലേ? വാസ്തവത്തിൽ അലങ്കാരത്തിനുവേണ്ടി ഇങ്ങനെ ഒരു മേധാവിയെ വച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന എന്നല്ലാതെ മറ്റു യാതൊരു പ്രയോജനവും ഞാൻ കാണുന്നില്ല. പൊതുജനങ്ങൾ നട്ടെല്ലുമുറിഞ്ഞാർജ്ജിക്കുന്ന ധനത്തെ ഇങ്ങനെ കണ്ടമാനം ചെലവു ചെയ്യുന്നതു ശരിയാണോ? ഇതുനിമിത്തം ജനങ്ങൾക്ക വിവിധതരത്തിലുള്ള കഷ്ടപ്പാടുകളുണ്ട്. ഡിഗ്രിയും ഭേസിക്കൊണ്ടു നാട്ടിനും വീട്ടിനും കൊള്ളാതെ വഴിയാധാരമായി നടക്കുന്ന എത്രാനംപേർക്ക പ്രക്ഷോഭണം നടത്താനുള്ള ഒരു മാർഗ്ഗമുണ്ടായിട്ട്. ഉദ്യോഗ

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ത്തിനായി ക ൫ ൦ ൦ ൦ അപേക്ഷകളാണ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു കിട്ടിയതു. ഈ ക്ഷാമകാലത്തു, ഉദ്യോഗാർത്ഥികളെ തീററിപ്പോററാൻ വിഷമമുള്ള ഇക്കാലത്തു അപേക്ഷഫീസ് ൫ രൂപായും തിരുവനന്തപുരംവരെ വന്നു തിരിയെ പോകുവാനുള്ള ചെലവും പബ്ളിക്കിനെക്കൊണ്ടു ചിലവുചെയ്യിച്ചതു് എന്തിനാണ് എന്നു ഞാൻ ചോദിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു. ഈ അപേക്ഷകളിൽനിന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറിന് എത്രരൂപാ ഈടായി എന്നും, ഇതിൽ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു എത്രത്തോളം നഷ്ടമുണ്ടെന്നും ഗവണ്മെൻറ് അവധാനപൂർവം ഒന്നു ചിന്തിച്ചാൽ ഈ പരീക്ഷ നിറുത്തുന്നതു രാജ്യത്തിനും ജനങ്ങൾക്കും കൂടുതൽ ശ്രേയസ്കരമായിരിക്കുമെന്നു മനസ്സിലാകുന്നതാണ്.

ഇനി പബ്ളിക് സർവീസ് കമ്മീഷണരുടെ സ്റ്റാഫ് ശരിയായി ജോലിചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടോ എന്നു നോക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ എത്രാവൽചെയ്യുന്നും അവർ തൃപ്തികരമായി ജോലി നോക്കുന്നു എന്നു പറയുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

President : I do not propose to lay too heavy restrictions upon the honourable member but he will confine his attention to the demand for the supplementary grant and not to the policy of appointing the Public Service Commissioner and the manner in which questions were set. Although these are interesting topics they do not come within the scope of the supplementary grant which is under discussion now.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഈ സഭയുടെ അനുമതിക്കായി കൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടുള്ള ഒരു ഡിമാൻഡായതുകൊണ്ടു പറഞ്ഞുവന്നപ്പോൾ ഇതുംകൂടി പറഞ്ഞുപോയി എന്നേയുള്ളൂ. പബ്ളിക് സർവീസ് കമ്മീഷണർ നടത്തുന്ന പരീക്ഷയുടെ രീതിയേയും അതിന്റെ സ്ഥിതിഗതികളെയും പററി ഒന്നു പറഞ്ഞാൽകൊള്ളാമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നു. പരീക്ഷയിൽ പരാജിതരായവരുടെ ഒരു ലിസ്റ്റ് ഒന്നു ഗസററിൽ പ്രസിദ്ധപ്പെടുത്തണം. പരീക്ഷയിൽ ചേർന്നിട്ടുള്ളവർക്കോ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ അവരുടെ കാരണവന്മാർക്കോ പരീക്ഷയുടെ വിവരം അറിയാൻ ആഗ്രഹമുണ്ടായിരിക്കുമെന്നുള്ളതു സ്വാഭാവികമാകുന്നു. നാം അതുടെ അടുക്കൽനിന്നു പ്രതിഫലം വാങ്ങിക്കുന്നുവോ അവരുടെ ആവശ്യം നിറവേറേണ്ടതു നമ്മുടെ ചുമതലയാകുന്നു. അതുകൊണ്ടു ഈ വിവരം ഗസററിൽ പ്രസിദ്ധപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതു് ഗുണ്യമായ ഒരു പുണ്യമായിരിക്കും.

President : The motion before the House is that a sum of Rs. 5,164 be granted to the Public Service Commissioner's office.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

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President: We will now proceed with the Report of the Public Accounts Committee. Before I say anything more it is for the honourable members of this House to consider whether they would like to sit till 2 P. M. and finish the discussion, because in the afternoon there is the Sasthamangalam procession and it might be necessary for the various officers to attend the function. It might conduce to convenience if this honourable House will go on till 2 o'clock I take it is agreed to. Then I propose to fix a maximum of 10 minutes for every member to speak.

DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON THE AUDIT AND APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS OF 1110.

Rao Bahadur A. Rangasvami Aiyar: Sir, I beg to move that the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Audit and Appropriation accounts of the year 1110 be taken up of consideration.

(At this stage the President left the Chair and Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai, one of the Panel of Chairmen, presided.)

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, this is perhaps the last occasion which this House gets for scrutinising the expenditure of Government, and to see whether every item of expenditure for which the vote of this House was obtained has been truly and faithfully spent for the purpose for which it was really meant. This time also the Report of the Public accounts Committee reveals the fact that the Government do not evince any anxiety to enforce correct budgeting. Of the 35 items of budget grants for the year 1110, we find that there were savings in not less than 28 items, aggregating to Rs. 7,75,023. It has become a standing and chronic complaint that large sums of money are unnecessarily allowed to be locked up under various budget heads so much so that very many important works of public utility have to be put off for want of funds. The statement published at page 3 of the report shows that for very many departments supplementary grants were obtained either from the Council or got sanctioned under Section 32 unnecessarily, when funds were, as a matter of fact, available under the sanctioned budget heads. Again, several irregularities are reported to have taken place in the application of the grants. For instance grants under one head had been allowed to lapse and then transferred to other heads in order to avoid supplementary grants.

Then again, in spite of our repeated protests every year, Government are spending large sums of money under Section 32. In 1110, the additional grants made under Section 32 amounted to Rs. 2,59,882, whereas the supplementary grants for which the vote of the Council was taken was only Rs. 2,41,162. Although there is a slight improvement in the year under review compared with

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